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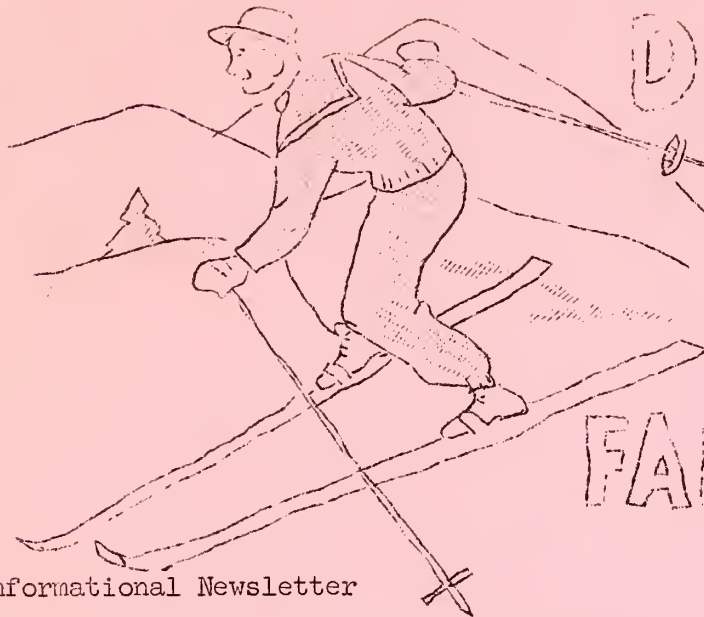
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#### STATE AND COUNTY ASC COMMITTEES FOR 1957

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has just announced the reappointments of George C. Simpson of Houston as Chairman and William N. Hopkins of Lewes and William H. Reynolds of Middletown, as members of the Delaware ASC State Committee for a one year period effective January 1, 1957. We extend to them our wishes for a successful year ahead.

Kent County ASC Committee is composed of Joseph W. Ennis of Smyrna, Chairman, R. Harry Wilson of Dover, and Lawrence Hill of Milford, members. New Castle County ASC Committee is Samuel L. Coverdale of Middletown, Chairman, Harry G. Deputy of Kirkwood, and Howard R. Coleman of Middletown, members. Sussex County ASC Committee is Silas Dukes of Laurel, Chairman, Rollie N. Lewis of Millsboro, and Earl White of Bridgeville, members.

Five communities in both Kent and Sussex Counties have elected their community committeemen for this year. We hope that they will be interested in helping to get their neighbors to understand the ASC programs better and carry out more worthwhile conservation on their farms this year. Through the Delaware ASC Farm News and informational meetings we hope to keep them informed of the policies and practices as they are determined. We congratulate them on accepting the responsibility and trust which their neighboring farmers have given them.



### DELAWARE FARM AND HOME WEEK

Delaware Farm and Home Week will be held at the University of Delaware on February 5, 6 and 7. An interesting and instructive program is planned. Noted speakers are booked for this year. They include Governor J. Caleb Boggs, Dr. John A. Perkins, President of the University, Mr. William J. Vanden Heuval, Board of Directors Member of the International Rescue Committee planning emergency relief for Hungary and Mr. Earl L. Butz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, USDA, Head of Marketing and Foreign Agriculture. Mark your calender now for a worthwhile week.

### FARMERS' INCOME TAX SHORT COURSE

The Farmers' Income Tax Short Course sponsored by the School of Agriculture of the University of Delaware will be held this year during the third week of January. The places and dates of the meetings are as follows:

Middletown High School, Middletown - January 15 - 8 p.m.  
Georgetown High School, Georgetown - January 16 - 8 p.m.  
Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark - January 17 - 8 p.m.  
Capitol Grange Hall, Dover - January 21 - 8 p.m.

Representatives of the Federal Tax Department and the State Tax Department will be present and give farmers good pointers about filing their income tax reports. Farmers can often learn of legitimate deductions that may even save you money. Attend your nearest meeting if possible.

### 1957 ACP

The 1957 Agricultural Conservation Program is now available to all farmers in the State. A short description of the practices available has been sent from the county ASC offices to all farmers within their counties that are on their mailing lists. All community committeemen should obtain a copy of the Handbook for 1957 and study it in order to be able to inform other farmers how they may be able to do more and better conservation with Uncle Sam as a partner.

### FARM STORAGE FACILITY PROGRAM

CCC makes loans to farmers, through County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees, to finance new on-farm storage facilities. Loans, up to 80 percent of the cost of the structure, are payable in four annual installments at an annual interest rate of 4 percent. Since the program began in 1949, loans of \$84,000,000 have been made on structures aggregating 302 million bushels of storage capacity. Orderly marketing, price supports, and higher incomes all depend on plenty of storage . . . . Plan for the future.





SOIL BANK ACREAGE RESERVE REGULATIONS FOR 1957

Regulations covering the Acreage Reserve program of the Soil Bank for 1957 -- the first full year of operation for this new agricultural legislation -- were announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

"The new regulations embody several important changes and additions to those in effect for the emergency Acreage Reserve program of 1956," Secretary Benson explained.

Among the more important provisions of the new regulations are the following:

1. A national allocation of 1957 Acreage Reserve funds among the commodities to be covered in the 1957 program -- wheat, corn, upland cotton, tobacco, and rice.
2. A breakdown of these commodity allocations among producing States and counties within them.
3. Establishment of maximums on the amount of acreage of a particular crop that an individual farmer can place in the Acreage Reserve, with a provision that this maximum may be exceeded if funds are still available after all farmers have had an opportunity to participate.
4. There will be no minimum acreage limitations on the amount of land that may be entered in the program except those already in effect for 1957 wheat.

State allocations were determined after taking into account State acreage allotments for a particular commodity, land productivity, estimated extent of participation in the program, supply and demand conditions for different classes, grades and quality of the commodity produced in the several States, distances from markets, and historic prices. Delaware has been allocated \$673,000 for corn acreage reserve in 1957. Similar factors will be used in allocating these funds to the counties.

Limits on extent of participation in the 1957 program provide that the acreage for any commodity placed in the Acreage Reserve by a farm shall not exceed that farm's allotment for the commodity. Within this limitation, the maximum acreages that may be originally entered for a farm are: wheat, 50 acres or 50 percent of the farm allotment, whichever is larger and corn, 20 acres or 30 percent of the allotment, whichever is larger.

Application for Acreage Reserve agreements are to be accepted within these limits by county ASC committees on a "first come, first served" basis to the extent county funds are available. Farmers wishing to participate above maximum acreage limits for a particular crop must indicate this in their original agreement. If, after the sign-up for a crop has closed, funds are left over, or can be reallocated from another county or another State, these additional acres will be accepted to the extent funds are available and within instructions to be issued by the Department later.





Deadline for signing 1957 Acreage Reserve agreements will be March 8 for corn.

Only land suitable for the production of the commodity covered by an agreement will be eligible for designation as the Acreage Reserve. County ASC committees will inspect land offered for the Acreage Reserve to determine if it is suitable for the production of the commodity involved and whether it has been properly designated in the agreement. So far as practicable, this inspection will be made prior to acceptance of the agreement.

Under the Soil Bank law, the right of tenants and sharecroppers are protected. Regulations in effect this year and already effective for the 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve provide that county ASC committees may not approve an agreement if the landlord or farm operator, because of participation in the Soil Bank, reduced the number of tenants or sharecroppers on his farm. A new provision specifies that if a tenant or sharecropper leaves a farm voluntarily, or for some reason other than being forced off, the failure to replace such a tenant or sharecropper will not bar the landlord or farm operator from an Acreage Reserve agreement.

### CROP PRODUCTION 1945-1956

The following is a summary of the crop production of Delaware grains as reported in AMS 1956 Annual Summary. We think they will be of interest to you:

	: Acreage harvested			: Yield per acre			: Production		
	: Average:			: Average:			: Average:		
	: 1945-54:	1955	: 1956	: 1945-54:	1955	: 1956	: 1945-54:	1955	: 1956
	: Acres			: Bushels			: Bushels		
	: :	:	:	: :	:	:	: :	:	:
Soybeans:	60,000:	105,000:	150,000:	15.0	: 20.0:	23.0:	914,000:	2,100,000:	3,450,000
Rye	: 17,000:	15,000:	13,000:	14.4	: 19.5:	22.0:	236,000:	292,000:	286,000
Oats	: 7,000:	10,000:	8,000:	32.6	: 38.0:	42.0:	221,000:	380,000:	336,000
Wheat	: 58,000:	33,000:	31,000:	19.4	: 27.5:	31.0:	1,099:	908,000:	961,000
Barley	: 11,000:	14,000:	14,000:	29.6	: 34.0:	41.0:	335,000:	476,000:	574,000
Corn	: 150,000:	170,000:	150,000:	40.2	: 36.0:	65.0:	6,091:	6,120,000:	9,750,000



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